

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 6 to 10.

Undersigned acknowledges with appreciation the helpful interview with Examiner Thompson Rummel and Supervisor Kelly. As a result of this interview, the Examiners indicated that they would favorably consider this application.

With regard to the rejection of claim 9 for failure to comply with the written description requirement, claim 9 is based on original claim 4, the subject matter of which has been inserted in the present specification at page 9.

Claims 6 to 10 have been rejected as indefinite on the ground that they disclose a resist wherein R_1 and R_2 are alkyl chains having 0 to 8 carbon atoms. However, the Examiner notes that R_1 and R_2 cannot be equal to zero.

In reply, the phrase "alkyl chains having 0 carbon atoms" in claims 6 and 10 means "a single bond".

In the present specification at page 6, lines 3 to 5, it is described that "as the dicarboxylate monoester compounds according to the invention, fumarate monoester and itaconate monoester are particularly preferable". In the case of fumarate monoester, R_1 and R_2 are both a single bond. In the case of itaconate monoester, either R_1 or R_2 is a single bond, and the remainder is a CH_2 group.

Thus, claims 6 and 10 have been amended to recite that R_1 and R_2 represent a single bond or alkyl chains having 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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